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I mentioned Mr. Walter's remarks on the floor of the House to the effect that Francis Gary Powers was not a spy and that it was incorrect for the press to put Abel and Powers in the same category. I told Besterman we had been most interested and impressed by the Chairman's remarks. In the course of the conversation, I learned that Mr. Walter's speech on this occasion had been prepared by Besterman who felt very strongly on this subject.

Besterman also indicated he has known Mr. Helms for many years and understood that he had been appointed to Mr. Bissell's position and that he was considering sending Helms a congratulatory note.

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